

BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1926, TOGETHER WITH A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

FEBRUARY 26 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 28), 1925.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, February 27, 1925.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress, a draft of proposed legislation affecting the appropriations for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year 1926.

The details of this proposed legislation, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
*Washington, February 27, 1925.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and upon your approval for transmission to Congress a draft of proposed legislation affecting the appropriations for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year 1926.

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS

Hereafter section 3648 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to advance payments for rent of offices in foreign countries by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

This submission has become imperative to enable the Department of Commerce to function properly in its foreign service. In practically all parts of the world local custom demands prepayment of rent and exception is rarely made to this custom. In certain countries the law specifically provides that payment of rent must be made in advance of from six months to one year. Heretofore, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce has conformed in its foreign service to the regulations of customs and laws there prevailing. A letter, however, from the Comptroller General to the Secretary of Commerce, dated February 24, 1925, states that advance payments made by employees of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in foreign countries on account of rent would be permitted only for the balance of the present fiscal year.

Your approval of this submission is recommended.

Very respectfully, •

H. M. LORD,

*Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

The PRESIDENT.

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